

**Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, October 14, 2009– Room 101, Town Hall**

Chair Doug Moore called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Peg Brown, Treasurer; Dave Hull; Rick Lefferts;
Doug Moore, Chair; Bob Moore

Members absent: Mike Bingley; Mike Chambers, vice Chair; Robert Horn

Others in attendance: David Gavin, as citizen proponent for Green Meadow Park renewal project

MINUTES from the 9/16/2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

• STATUS OF 2009 ATM PROJECTS – amount – contact person

OS003-09 – Open Space Plan Update – \$3,500 -- Doug Moore

HR005-09 – Rock Wall Preservation – \$40,000-- Dave Hull

HR006-09 – Glenwood Cemetery GPR Survey -- \$3,000 – Peg Brown

Cobblestones will be buried in the center of each burial to mark them.

HR010-09 – Historic Artifact Cataloging -- \$12,500 – Rick Lefferts

No report on progress

•MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN – September 29, 2009 8pm

At this meeting Doug Moore gave a brief review of what has been accomplished and reported that there were ~\$500,000 in proposals for this funding cycle.

•LEGISLATIVE HEARING – September 29, 2009

There was a legislative hearing about SB90 at the State House. Jane and several members of the Coolidge Playground Committee attended and testified before the Senate Community and Small Business Committee. There were over one hundred proponents in attendance and the response of the committee was positive. Hopefully, the bill will move through other committees and proceed to a vote during this session.

The three main components for change in the bill are:

- Guaranteed minimum match of 75% to towns who adopt CPA
- Re-defining the uses of CPA funds to broaden the recreational uses
- Allowing towns to increase the amount eligible for the state match by adding funds from additional sources, other than the Real Estate Tax Surcharge.

• PROPOSALS FOR NEXT GRANT CYCLE --- 2010 ATM (possibly 2009 STM)

A total of 10 applications were submitted with total requested amounts exceeding \$570,000.

FULL FINAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOV. 2, 2009

OS006-10 – Conservation Fund Support -- \$10,000 -- Doug Moore

This has been an annual support request from the Conservation Commission.

It is eligible for funding and has been approved in past years. Proponents should submit a final application.

OS007-10 – Cutting Property Acquisition -- \$100,000 -- Doug Moore

This proposal from the BOS is based upon the request for funds for an actual sale which may occur in the near future. It is not merely a speculative one. Proponents should submit a final application.

HR011-10 – Glenwood Cemetery Fence -- \$160,000 – Peg Brown

There was a question as to whether the \$25,000 appropriated at the 1995 ATM was included in the cost estimate. Proponents should submit a final application.

HR012-10 – Veteran’s Park Memorial Update -- \$80,000 – Mike Chambers

Proponents should submit a final application.

HR013-10 – Town Hall Historic Restoration -- \$5,500 – Rick Lefferts

Dave Griffin withdrew his proposal as he was not certain that the project was indeed “historic restoration.”

HR014-10 – Waltham Bridge Lighting -- \$25,000 – Bob Horn

This proposal was also submitted last year by the BOS. The question remains as to whether it is a legal use of CPA funds because it might not fall within the definitions of historic ‘restoration’ which in the law. If there is some evidence of the type of lighting which was previously on the bridge, that might strengthen the application.

Proponents may submit a final application and Town Counsel will review it’s legality.

HR015-10 – Reconstruction of Florida St. Bridge -- \$80,000(one year bond payment) – Mike B.

According to Peg Brown, the bridge is on the MACRIS list, and was built in 1914, it would have some historical significance however CPA funds cannot be used to REPAIR historical resources, they can be used to PRESERVE/RESTORE historical resources. The CPC would need a full proposal before making a determination.

REC011-10 – Assabet Rail Trail – \$60,000-- Bob Moore

There are two articles to be presented at the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 26, 2009.

Article TWO -- \$20,000 for design work Article THREE \$40,000 for the acquisition of easements.

There was some concern that questions may be asked about the \$30,000 that was appropriated at the May 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion: That the CPC would support these articles at the Special Town Meeting
Passed unanimously.

REC012-10 – Parker St. Walkway Construction – \$50,000 – Doug Moore

This proposal was also submitted last year by the BOS. The CPC will be willing to receive additional information on the proposal. It will be more attractive if, indeed, Chatwell does build a walkway from 129 Parker St. to Vose Hill and the town purchases the Cutting property.

REC013-10 – Green Space Construction -- \$60,000 – Mike Chambers

David Gavin spoke to the merits of the proposal with landscaping, possible benches, and paving to enhance this gateway area which is actually part of the Crowe Park land and not the School Dept. jurisdiction. Mr. Gavin realizes that there is a need for legislative changes before the proposal would be eligible. He will continue to gather information about costs, etc.

TIME LINE

- CPA Contact persons will contact proponents so that they can proceed with a Final Application which is due by Nov.2
- Oct. 28 -- Annual Public Hearing. – Doug Moore has arranged for a Legal notice in Beacon.
- Nov. 2 -- Full Final Applications due
- Nov. 18 – CPC begins review of Final Applications
- Dec. 9 -- CPC draws up a list of questions on the final applications so that the proponents respond to them during the January review prior to the final vote of the CPC on whether to present the proposals for funding at the ATM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 7:00pm Rm. 101 Town Hall. Annual Public Hearing
(Somebody will need to take the minutes.)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 7:00pm Rm. 101 Town Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 7:00pm Rm. 101 Town Hall.